

# Technical /Management Committee Meeting Minutes of Feb.2, 2005

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Andy Gunning, Director of Planning

## ATTENDENCE

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDENCE

Chuck Huckelberry	Bob Iannarino	Paul Cella
Jim Glock	Jill Merrick	Chet Davis
John Bernal	Farhad Moghimi	Jim Stahle
Barbara Becker	John Pein	Frank Thomson
Roger Caldwell	Michael Reuwsaat	Marshall Worden
George Caria	Jim Schoen	Benny Young
Fernando Castro	Marcelino Flores	

### MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDENCE

Fred Stevens	Chuck Sweet
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### PAG RTA STAFF

Gary Hayes	Tim Ahrens	Natalie Clark
Julie Morrison	Sheila Storm	Andy Gunning
Jeff Hildebrand		

### GUESTS

Hurvie Davis	Amber Moore	Walker Smith
Gary Oaks	Ben Goff	Rick Myers
Curt Lueck	Dan Sullivan	Priscilla Cornelio
Mike Johnson	Carolyn Campbell	

1. **Call to order**

Chuck Huckelberry called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

2. **Introductions**

John Pein introduced himself to the committee.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by John Pein

2<sup>nd</sup> by Farhad Moghimi

4. **Review of Mission Statement approved by CAC**

Chuck suggested committee endorse the Mission Statement.

Moved by Chet Davis

2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Reuwsaat

5. **Review of maps**

Andy Gunning discussed the various maps that were displayed. The maps included: combined 2025/2030 projects, 2025 'in plan and reserve', 2030 BaseCase projects, 2030 new roadway capacity, 2030 traditional transit, 2030 high capacity transit, and the online version can be viewed at [www.pagnet.org/website/rta](http://www.pagnet.org/website/rta). He primarily highlighted funded projects and unfunded projects. There was a major effort to get these maps reconciled and mapped out, but there is some overlap.

Huckelberry said the committee members could request copies of the maps to help them prioritize jurisdictional projects.

Cherie Campbell also presented information about the 2030 plan and the BASECASE projects identified by the RTP task force. A list of projects includes primarily roadway projects, and other lists will include transit and alternate mode projects. Ms. Campbell said the RTP Task Force is currently confirming the components of the BASECASE and the other projects that could be funded in the 2030 plan.

Committee members discussed how to review priority projects and if any projects could be added that are not already identified as part of the 2030 draft plan, and how to keep track of any new plans that are introduced.

Members also discussed that ADOT projects are not a part of the project list that members received but ADOT projects will be part of the overall RTP.

Jim Glock also suggested that committee members view [pagnet.org](http://www.pagnet.org) for information about alternate modes of transportation.

(<http://www.pagnet.org/rtp/rtp2030/transitelement.htm>.) The transit element has three phases. Glock also noted that it's important for members to realize how funding sources are tied to capital vs. operation or maintenance.

6. **Alternate modes discussion**

Glock noted that there has been a \$75 million federal authorization available for transit that could be matched by local funds, such as the half-cent sales tax. The city is completing a study that explores high-capacity transit between the University of Arizona and the Rio Nuevo District. A public report of the study will begin at 4:30 p.m., Feb.23, at the Historic Depot.

Glock noted that the city is following Federal Transit Administration guidelines as part of this study and authorization process. The RTA funds from a sales tax would help to leverage these federal funds.

Glock requested that at a future meeting, a presentation be made on the “color of money” to show the sources of funds for various modes of transportation and how they can be used to identify all potential funding sources.

Chet Davis said the committee has to find reasons for the public to vote yes because the RTA plan is a tax vote rather than a product vote.

Frank Thomson suggested a strong technical component that will highlight how these projects will improve quality of life and if the projects/sales tax are not approved that the quality of life will decline. The goal is to convince people their money would be well spent and life will change if they don’t pass the tax.

Huckelberry said a goal of the committee will be to select the highest priority of projects for the region that can be assembled and presented to the CAC, which will then take the plan to the ballot.

Benny Young noted that in an exit poll for the 1992 election that anti-tax was the No. 1 sentiment.

Mr. Davis noted that availability of multi-revenue streams tends to lead to support among anti-tax proponents.

Huckelberry said an analysis showing user benefits outweighing the cost will be necessary and that message needs to be communicated.

Young recommended that costs of the various projects that are identified, including in the 2030 draft, are credible. Ms. Campbell noted that an engineering firm will be hired to further define costs and project models.

Paul Cella requested a map for future meetings that indicates private and public lands.

## **7. Policy Discussion**

Glock said it will be important to determine how the Citizens Advisory Committee will articulate the plan, the ballot and the public education materials.

Tim Ahrens noted that a legal team for the RTA will meet Friday, Feb.4, to discuss selecting legal counsel and an RFQ will go out to solicit qualifications from consultants to help frame how the RTA should be communicating.

Huckelberry noted that one policy component may be to consider if any roadway maintenance projects should be included at the ballot in spring 2006.

## **8. Call to the audience**

No comments were received from the audience.

## **9. Discussion of project evaluation and prioritization**

Members discussed prioritizing BASECASE/2030 projects and beyond per jurisdiction and then have the committee reprioritize based on what community would find acceptable. Huckelberry said the committee needs to come up with a rational series of projects that the public can understand.

Mike Reuwsaat suggested emphasis be placed on corridors.

10. **Agenda and assignments**

Roadway discussion. (John Bernal suggested 10-15 minutes per jurisdiction)  
Transit discussion  
Operations and maintenance discussion.

11. **Adjournment**

Huckelberry adjourned at 12:07 p.m.